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BEGIN TEXT:

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, AMBASSADOR: SINCE WITH RESPECT TO THE ART OF ORATORY, THE UNITED STATES IS AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY, I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF READING SOME OF MY REMARKS. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN VENEZUELA, THE NATION THAT GAVE FREEDOM AND HOPE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS CONTINENT THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS MOST DISTINGUISHED SON, SIMON BOLIVAR. AND IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE, THEREFORE, THAT IT SHOULD BE HERE THAT I HAVE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM IN SOUTH AMERICA THE VERY SPECIAL TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE. OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, NOT ONLY IN THE FORM OF OUR NATIONAL HEROES, BUT ALSO IN WHAT THEY REPRESENT FOR

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MANKIND -- HUMAN FREEDOM, DIGNITY, AND EQUALITY UNDER LAW.

THE STRONG HISTORICAL FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES REFLECT THE COMMON INTEREST OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE MUTUAL ESTEEM IN WHICH WE HOLD DEMOCRACY. ALTHOUGH WE FACE SOME ISSUES TODAY OVER WHICH WE MAY DISAGREE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN, THROUGH PATIENCE AND MUTUAL TRUST, RESOLVE THESE DIFFERENCES TO THE SATISFACTION OF OUR TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKS WITH YOUR ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS I'VE HAD IN WASHINGTON WITH YOUR DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER AND YOUR MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. I FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO THE VIEW SO ELOQUENTLY ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT WE MUST CREATE A WORLD OF COOPERATION AND AVOID THE DANGEROUS CONFRONTATIONS THAT ARISE FROM A WORLD HOBbled BY INJUSTICE AND CONTRADICTIONS. THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE, WHICH, WITH ALL THEIR DIFFERENCES, HAVE SO MANY COMMON TIES CAN MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO A WORLD OF PEACE AND PROGRESS AND JUSTICE. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I COME TO VENEZUELA TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME.

END TEXT.  
SHLAUDEMAM

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